

Remarks

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 and 12 have been objected to. Claims 8 and 12 have been amended to overcome these objections.

Claim 1 has been rejected as indefinite. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection.

Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-17 have been rejected as anticipated by Nanmu, US 2002/0180195. Claims 1-11 and 13-17 have been rejected as anticipated by Mizuno et al., EP 1,223,085.

Amended claim 1 recites the holding body (64) being directly fastened and, with respect to the longitudinal axis (B) of the charge housing (28), fastened in a form-fitting manner both to the charge housing (28) and, additionally, to a part of the gas generator which is not destroyed in an activated state of the gas generator to act against displacement of the holding body (64) along the longitudinal axis (A) of the outer housing (10) away from the charge housing (28). These features are not disclosed by Mizuno et al. or Nanmu.

Claim 1, as well as claims 2-11 and 13-17 which depend from claim 1, are in condition for allowance.

Allowable claim 12 has been amended to overcome the objection. Claim 12 is in condition for allowance.

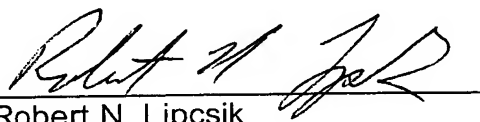
New claim 18 recites the features of allowable claim 12 except for the sleeve (18). Therefore, for the reasons that claim 12 is allowable, claim 18 is also allowable.

Additionally, in conducting a search of the prior art, it is normally not enough that references be selected to meet only the terms of the claims alone, but should, insofar as possible, also cover all subject matter which the Examiner reasonably anticipates might be incorporated into an amendment. MPEP §904.03. Since the amendments to the claims recite subject matter that the Examiner should reasonably have anticipated may be incorporated into the claims, no further search is necessary, no new issue has arisen, and this Amendment should be entered.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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